89-011

Fatalgram

U.S. Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration
Metal and Nonmetal Mine Safety and Health

MSHA 8000-7, June 87

Date
5/30/89

A 32 YEAR OLD STOPE MINER WITH 14 YEARS MINING EXPERIENCE, 2 1/2 MONTHS AT THIS JOB, WAS FATALLY INJURED WHEN A FALL OF GROUND OCCURRED IN THE TEST STOPE WHERE HE WAS WORKING. THE VICTIM AND HIS PARTNER HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO INSTALL A BULKHEAD, AND AFTER REMOVING SEVERAL TRUCK LOADS OF ORE FROM THE STOPE, THE VICTIM STARTED UP THE ORE PILE WHILE HIS PARTNER PARKED THE LOADER. AS HE WAS DOING THIS, A LARGE SLAB FELL FROM THE HANGING WALL AND STRUCK HIM.

MEANS OF PREVENTION:

GROUND CONDITIONS THAT CREATE A HAZARD TO PERSONS SHALL BE TAKEN DOWN OR SUPPORTED BEFORE OTHER WORK OR TRAVEL IS PERMITTED IN THE AFFECTED AREA.

57.3200

PERSONS EXPERIENCED IN EXAMINING AND TESTING FOR LOOSE GROUND SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE MINE OPERATOR. APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORS OR OTHER DESIGNATED PERSONS SHALL EXAMINE AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, TEST GROUND CONDITIONS IN AREAS WHERE WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED PRIOR TO WORK COMMENCING, AFTER BLASTING, AND AS GROUND CONDITIONS WARRANT DURING THE WORK SHIFT.

57.3401

89-011

"Preliminary Data"

Death Toll — Period Covered: January - February

Year	Underground	Surface	Mills	Total
1988	0	1	2	3
1989	3	5	2	10

Do Your Part to Keep the Toll Down!
Safety is Everybody's Business

L 38.15:

READEX FICHE best copy available